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## Mayor honors a top Marysville Getchell High School grad as Volunteer of the Month for June

MARYSVILLE – Mayor Jon Nehring is proud to honor Marysville Getchell High School graduate Brendon Krall as June Volunteer of the Month for his hours of community service to numerous local organizations.

Krall earlier this year was also a recipient of a statelevel Certificate of Excellence from the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program, further validation of his outstanding community service.



Marysville has an endless supply of young people who give back to the community in various ways, Mayor Jon Nehring says. Krall is one to watch.

"Brendon is that rare young adult who has a strong sense of direction to succeed in life personally, but to do it in a way that also helps those most in need in our society," Nehring says. The Mayor relays that in Krall's own words he was a bit adrift, and not applying himself during his middle school years at a level he knew he was capable. Something kicked into high gear when he started high school. He met challenges head on, and turned them into opportunities to succeed.

It's not only reflected in his school work, but his commitment to helping others as well. Brendon has volunteered his time with many local organizations including the Marysville Community Food Bank, Marysville Historical Society, Shoultes Elementary School Carnival, Marysville Rotary Club, Tulalip Boys & Girls Club and Marshall Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade retreat. He was also a chairperson for the Children's Hospital Toy Drive and Ronald McDonald House Toilet Paper Drive.

Among other awards, Krall was named a Kiwanis Student of the Month, Career and Technical Education Student of the Quarter and Student of the Year, and a member in the National Honor Society

On the academic front, Brendon earned perfect grades during the past four semesters at the School of the Entrepreneur at Marysville Getchell High School. He was on the honor roll from 2009-2013, served as Senior Class President, carried a 3.65 GPA and spoke at his graduation last month.

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In the fall, Brendon will attend the University of Washington's Foster School of Business.

Looking well beyond his bachelor's degree, Brendon would like to enroll in the UW School of Dentistry, build a good-sized practice in Snohomish County, and reach a scale where he can offer free dental care in Third World countries. He might pursue a master's degree in Business Law, too.

"With the hard work, inspiration and drive that helped shape Brendon into the young leader that he has become, we have every confidence that he will achieve his goals," Nehring says. Krall's parents, Amy and stepfather John, attended the award presentation at a recent City Council meeting.

Nehring calls Krall a true example of an unsung hero. "We hope that wherever your journeys take you, Marysville will be a place where you will be more than welcome to hang up a dentist's shingle."

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